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Attorney Docket No. 15311-2292

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Title PASSIVE RELEASE AVOIDANCE TECHNIQUE

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 19]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
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or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
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4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]
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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS**

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
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#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355			Utility filing fee	710
106	320	206	160			Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245			Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355			Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)							710

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
18	2		0	18	0
			0	80	0
					0

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)				(\$) 0

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#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65			Fee Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	900	139	900			Non-English Specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520			For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920	112	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840	113	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195			Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445			Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	128	945			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155			Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135			Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620			Utility Issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220			Design Issue fee	
144	600	244	300			Plant Issue fee	
122	130	122	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50			Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40
146	710	246	355			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
Other (specify)							
Other fee (specify)							
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